



## *U.S. Coast Guard History Program*

# *Almond, 1942*

## *WAGL-177; ex-La Salle*

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A small tree (*Prunus amygdalus*) of the family *Rosaceae* and for the nutlike, edible seed of its drupe fruit.

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Builder: Toledo Shipbuilding Company, Toledo, Ohio

Length: 161' 10"

Beam: 56'

Draft: 13' 6"

Displacement: 677 (fl)

Cost: \$65,000 (acquisition); \$234,416 (conversion)

Launched: 1922

Commissioned: 11 December 1942 (USCG)

Decommissioned: 29 September 1945

Disposition: Sold, 31 July 1946

Machinery: 1 compound reciprocating steam engine; 2 Marine fire-tube boilers; 1,700 SHP

Performance: 10.0 knots (max); 8.0 knots (economic); 1,320 mile range @ 8.0 knots

Complement: 39

Armament: None

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### **Cutter History:**

*Almond* was a former ferry boat that was acquired by the Coast Guard because of her ice-breaking capability. She was converted to a buoy tender and was fitted with fire-fighting apparatus by the Toledo Ship Building Company. Once the conversion was complete, *Almond* was assigned to the 9th District and was stationed at Ignace, Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, and Grand Haven, Michigan, during the war. She conducted aids to navigation work and ice-breaking.

She was decommissioned at Grand Haven on 29 September 1945 and was sold on 31 July 1946 to Mr. K. J. Eretle.

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**Sources:**

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